

Plans and Budget for 2005-07

Division of Health Care Financing
Budget Initiatives and Long-Term Care Reform - April 6, 2005



Governor's Vision

- Advance long-term care system that provides cost-effective options.
- Expand community capacity of long-term care services.
- Better coordination and management of acute and primary care, mental health services and long-term care.
- Keep people out of the long-term care system longer using prevention and effective disease management techniques.
- Preserve public funds by promoting personal responsibility for long-term care.
- Collaborate with public and private partners.



Budget Initiatives

- Community relocation initiative
 - Adopts “money follows the person” principle
 - Available to all nursing home residents who wish to relocate
 - Projected to relocate 1,440 individuals who are elderly or have physical disabilities from nursing homes to the community
 - For each relocation, provides permanent CIP II waiver slot at enhanced rate.



Budget Initiatives

- Adds funding for elderly benefit specialists
- Increase capacity of Children's long-term support waiver
- Create new Community Opportunities and Recovery Waiver for persons with mental illness
- Continue relocations from state centers
- Plan for statewide reforms



Texas “Money Follows the Person”

- Texas reports they relocated 3,200 people in an initiative similar to the Governor’s Community Relocation Initiative (CRI) in 2004.
- 65% of the people were age 65 or older.
- 6 people were over 100 years old.
- 37 people were under 17 years old.
- Almost all receive Medicaid waiver services.



Acuity-Based Rates

- Will reimburse nursing homes more for a higher acuity patient.
- Planned for July 2006.
- Phased-in implementation
- Use the Minimum Data Set (MDS) indicators of acuity, plus
- Will establish better indicators for mental health and behavioral issues.



Aging and Disability Resource Center Expansion

- Aging and disability resource centers currently provide services to 22% of Wisconsin's population in 9 counties.
- DHFS will be expanding services to additional counties in 2005.
- DHFS goal is for all Wisconsin residents to have access to ADRC services in 6-8 years, including access through the Internet to a virtual resource center.



Plan for Statewide Reforms - Longer Term

- Request for Information for public-private partners to implement reforms
- Goal is managed care statewide promptly - save money, improve service
- Need to develop broader regional partnerships for implementation
- Can provide planning and start up grants (DHFS federal funds available) to partners
- Likely will submit added federal waiver(s) as necessary



Moving Toward Statewide Managed Care

- Build towards increased service/care integration and cost-effective management; consider various models with ready/able partners.
- Consider expanding:
 - Options that integrate/manage all LTC - like Family Care
 - Options that manage primary/acute medical care - SSI managed care
 - Options that integrate both LTC and primary/acute care - like Partnership
 - Creative ideas from private partners for variations

